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Re: MUR 5841

Dear Mr. Jordan:

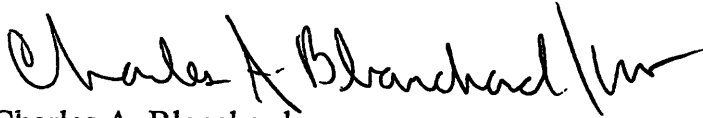
On behalf of Harry Mitchell for Congress and John Bebbiling, as treasurer (collectively, the "Committee"), this letter is submitted in response to the complaint filed by the Arizona Republican Party against the Arizona Democratic Party (the "Complaint") and subsequently labeled MUR 5841. The Complaint should be dismissed immediately.

The Complaint concerns allegations against the Arizona Democratic Party about two of its mail pieces. This baseless Complaint was filed against the Arizona Democratic Party for purely political reasons. The Committee believes that the facts will demonstrate that these mail pieces were paid for and distributed by the Arizona Democratic Party in accordance with the regulations governing volunteer exempt mail, set forth in 11 C.F.R. §§ 100.87, 100.147, and 110.11(e). It is the Committee's understanding that the Arizona Democratic Party will be submitting additional information about its mailings to the Commission.

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Please contact me if I can offer any further clarification. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Charles A. Blanchard" with a stylized flourish at the end.

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